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PRESS RELEASE

USAID continues with the renovations - new floor for primary school in municipality of Chair

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project are investing \$3 million in school renovations across Macedonia. Primary school "Jane Sandanski" in municipality of Cair is one of the recipients of this assistance. The Mayor of Cair Izet Mexhiti, USAID director of Democracy, local governance and education Dwain Lee, USAID PEP Chief of Party Keith Prenton and school Principal Muzafer Rexhepi together with teachers and students of the school marked the fitting of the new floor. This activity is one of 40 school renovations that have been carried out by USAID's Primary Education Project so far. By 2011, over 100 schools will be renovated, which is nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia

"Creating a better learning environment for students is one of the key goals of our project. I can see today, that we have been successful in this school. Many generations to come, including this one will have great benefits from this project" said Dwaine Lee

The renovation component of the USAID Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

The USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), implemented by the Academy for Educational Development (AED), works with all public primary schools in Macedonia. The project seeks to improve the quality of instruction and increase employment skills of students. The overall goal of the USAID Education Program is to strengthen education in Macedonia and to support decentralization efforts, as Macedonia seeks entrance to the European Union.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.